

men to attend High school and college if it is at all possible. Yet, in spite of these statements we recommend that all ministerial students, who are debarred from procuring a better means towards an education because of the peculiar economic conditions of the present day, should avail themselves of this course of study and pursue it until such times as they can re-enter college. It is also recommended, partially, to pastors, Sunday School teachers, or any other church workers who feel a need for encouragement and guidance in systematic study.

This course of study is to be given by qualified instructors by means of Home Study Courses.

At the first meeting of the Educational Council the following special officers and instructors were appointed: E. A. M. Kierstead, B.A., Director and Instructor; Rev. S. G. Hilyard, A.B., Secretary-Treasurer and instructor, and Howard Robertson, Rev. G. A. Rogers, A.B., Rev. H. S. Dow, Rev. H. C. Mullen, instructors.

At the present time the various instructors are outlining their courses and are laying plans to put the Course of Study into operation very soon.

The outline of the Course of Study is as follows:

- I. Academic Studies—
 - (a) Elementary and Advanced English Grammar—Public school texts.
 - (b) Composition—High School text—to consist largely of writing articles, sermons, essays, speeches, etc.
 - (c) English Literature—a critical study of "Pilgrim's Progress," by Bunyan; "Ben Hur," by Wallace; "A Life of Christ," by Stalker, and the following excerpts from the Bible: Job, Psalms, Isaiah, the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.
 - (d) General History—a study of Greek, Roman and Medieval History as a foundation for Church History.
- II. Theological Studies—
 - (a) Church History—text to be chosen.
 - (b) Introduction to Theology—text in doubt.
 - (c) Pastoral Theology—"The Preacher, His Life and Work," by Jowett; "Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette," by Harman, and Biblical extracts.
 - (d) The History, Doctrines, Bye-Laws, etc., of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada.
 - (e) Hamiletics—text to be chosen.
 - (f) Holiness Literature—four books out of six or seven volumes of Holiness authors to be studied and outlined.
 - (g) Old and New Testament History—to be a compilation, by the student, of a history of Old and New Testament times using the Bible as a source and the instructor's syllabus as a guide.

On the completion of the full course, a certificate will be granted successful students under the seal of the Alliance. To qualify for this, examinations are to be held under the supervision of some responsible individual in each community.

Further information may be received by writing to E. A. M. Kierstead, Brown's Flats, N. B., during August, or Plaster Rock, N. B., later on.

In view of the fact that Brother S. G. Hilyard has intimated, through the Highway, that the Educational Council has charge of the

"Students' Fund," and that he is the new Treasurer, it would not be amiss to add that the Educational Council is planning on using this Fund, not only for helping ministerial students in schools and colleges, but it also plans to use it in financing its Course of Study in-so-far as it is studied by ministers or candidates for our ministry.

We plan to apportion the Fund in a fair and unbiased way and are taking precautions that the Fund shall not be misdirected or misapportioned.

All our Instructors are donating their time and services free. Nearly a dozen individuals have already signified their intent of pursuing a part or the whole of our Course.

Young People's Societies and others, why not sponsor this new program of ministerial education and give of your means? Pastors, ministerial candidates, Sunday school teachers, church workers, and young people, why not spend your spare time profitably and enroll in one or more of our Courses for encouragement, guidance and stimulation?

The courses are free for ministers and licentiates; others are to pay a nominal tuition fee. Pick out your course or courses and write in for further information.

E. A. M. KIERSTEAD

THE NECESSITY OF STUDY

Many young Christians (and occasionally older ones) fail to realize the very great necessity of reading and study. This is sadly true of some ministers.

Many preachers seem to think that since they have been blessedly sanctified wholly, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, that He will without study, constantly fill their minds and hearts with messages. In a few instances we have known of preachers who almost bragged that they did not study much, but relied wholly on the Holy Ghost to give them a message for the next meeting.

In one case, a minister actually belittled his brethren in the sacred calling, who spent so much time in study and preparation.

This must be corrected, or we are going to develop a generation of ministers who are shallow; who are exhorters and not preachers; who whip the surface into froth and foam, and think they have really done something, when in fact they have not stirred the soul depths at all. When a person (minister, Sunday school teacher, superintendent, prayer-meeting leader or any one else) ceases to grow, he begins to deteriorate.

It is impossible for God to bless laziness whether it be mental laziness or physical laziness. Both kinds will ultimately reap the reward of the sluggard. It is impossible to be a leader of other people's minds, unless our own is kept rich and fruitful by constant reading and study.

With the wealth of good books along spiritual and ministerial lines, to be had (many of them for the borrowing) it is nothing less than criminal for any person to go on week after week without a measure of Pollen from the minds of others fallen upon his own through some literary channel. It is useless to say that if you pray a great deal you do not have to study. It is impossible for a person to pray deeply and effectively, if he has been lazy in other ways, in preparing for the great task of winning men to God through public discourse. God will not bless a man with effective and fervent prayer, who has neglected, or refused to fill

his mind with the great and wholesome thoughts of others. We would encourage great prayer, on all occasions, and all the time, but no man can pray with conscious appropriation of the fulness and power of God who has been wasting time that he ought to have spent in keen study, or who has been sleeping when he ought to have been enriching his mind with the great things others have discovered concerning the deep things of God. Study, read, learn, sharpen your wits, get ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

Read a whole Book of the Bible at one sitting. Read the evidences of Christianity. Read the theology.

Fewer people would go off on the modern vagaries if they had read faithfully and understandingly the great books on good old Wesleyan theology.

Paul writes to Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved;" don't be shallow, don't get up in the pulpit with that empty feeling in your head. Don't ever resort to high pitched emotionalism because you really haven't anything worth while to say, and you must make a showing; don't hide your mental poverty under a great stream of religious expressions and hallelujahs, and "Praise the Lords" and "Amens." This is often the trick of an empty mind. Beat the oil of your mentality well, and instead of froth it will shew forth clear, thick and unctous, and the Holy Ghost will honor it and the people will do the shouting and the "amening" while you do the preaching.

When you are preparing a sermon study as though the Spirit were not going to help you at all, and when you rise to preach, trust the Holy Ghost to help, as though you had not studied at all. Wisdom is justified of her children!—Selected by Mrs. Alex. Rogers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fredericton, N. B.,

Rev. P. J. Trafton,
Moncton, N. B.

Dear Mr. Trafton: You will find enclosed money order, being renewal for the "Highway" and for the Highway Supplementary Fund.

The Lord has spared my life and I am enjoying much better health than I did last winter, for which I am praising Him every day. I am still trusting in the finished work of Christ, my Saviour, and eagerly looking forward to the future when I shall see Him face to face and enjoy his presence forever.

Hoping you are all enjoying the best of health,

Your sister in Christ,
MRS. MARY LOWE

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 will convene with the Church at Jonesport, Maine, Sept. 1 to 4 inclusive. Everybody welcome. Let us endeavor to make this Quarterly one of the best ever held on this district.

LEOLA BARNES, Secy.

BE-ATTITUDES

The Beattitudes are in reality Beattitudes; they are attitudes that come not from doing, but from being.